Import of Energy Sources from Middle-East

292. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any efforts to procure cheap energy sources of crude and petroleum products from the Middle-East to meet our demand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Requirement of crude oil for public sector oil refineries are met through annual term contracts with the national oil companies of, *interalia*, the Middle-East countries at their official selling prices.

(b) Details of the term contracts for crude oil and petroleum products entered into with the national oil companies of the Middle-East for the year 2001-02 are as follow:—

Country	Crude oil (Million MT)	LPG (Thousand MT)
Saudi Arabia	7.5	156
Kuwait	7.3	156
UAE	4.0	—
Iran	2.5*	—

*Excluding 2.5 Million MT contracted on account of MRPL (JV Refinery).
MT: metric tonnes